

REMARKS

The official action of May 11, 2009 has been considered and the amendments and remarks herein are responsive thereto. The claims remaining in this case are 16-24.

Claims 16-18 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, because R' in claim 16 refers to "aryl" and "heteroaryl" that are not part of the definition. Claim 16 has been amended to delete the reference to these two terms.

Claims 16-18 are further rejected under 35 USC 12, first paragraph, because when Q represents CRy in claim 16 the valence requirement of carbon in CRy has not been met. However, when Q represents CRy this means Q equals -C-Ry. In this instance, the "-C-" in -C-Ry is not only attached to Ry but also to R₂, R₃ and -C(O)-X (which is bonded to the rest of the molecule). Thus, the valence requirement is met.

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, because species having adamantyl groups, dimethoxymethyl and 1-diethoxymethyl groups have not been taught. Claim 19 has been amended to delete reference to these compounds.

As a result of the amendments and remarks, Applicants believe the examiners concerns have been met and overcome. The examiner is therefore respectively requested to remove the objections and rejections. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below, if such would advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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